

<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/070,525	METZGER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Venkataraman Balasubramanian	1624	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Venkataraman Balasubramanian. (3)\_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Kevin Mansfield. (4)\_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 01 December 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 31-36.

Identification of prior art discussed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Rejoining of composition and method claims 31-36 and potential 112 issue were discussed. Counselor agreed to cancel claims 31-36 without prejudice. Such will be done by examiner's amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required

**DETAILED ACTION**

The amendment, which included cancellation of claims 10-11 and amendment to claims 1, 12 and 24, filed 11/12/2003 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered and is made of record.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin Mansfield on 12/01/2003.

1. Cancel claims 31-36.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In view of applicants' response, particularly cancellation of claims 10-11 and amendment to claims 1, 12 and 24 to exclude methyl form  $R_2$ , the 103 rejection over Cowman et al. made in the previous office action has been obviated.

The compound of formula I namely of 4,4'-bis(triazinylamino)-stilbene-2, 2'-disulfonic acid or its salt with specific M,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  groups and m value of 1 to 3 as embraced in the instant claims was not found to be anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art of record. Additional search in the related art area did not yield any prior art disclosing 4,4'-bis(triazinylamino)-stilbene-2, 2'-disulfonic acid of formula I or its salt with specific M,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  groups and m value of 1 to 3. Therefore, the examiner noted that the instant claims 1-6 and 12-25 would be in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be addressed to Venkataraman Balasubramanian (Bala) whose telephone number is (703) 305-1674. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM. The Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) of the art unit 1624 is Mukund Shah whose telephone number is (703) 308-4716.

Art Unit: 1624

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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